

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 847EA2BD9015C2C

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Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 06 April 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 06 April 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file explicitly depicts a man involving a girl, who is an older child or young teen, in a sexual act and is a record of her sexual abuse. It is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes. It can only be for the purpose of arousing those with a sexual interest in children or young persons. It encourages this sexual interest and validates the idea that children and young persons are freely available for adult sexual gratification. The objectionable classification given to this image file interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which promote and support conduct under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 be deemed objectionable. It also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.